

Central State Hospital Pathology Building Plans

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Historical Note:

Central State Hospital was Indiana's first state psychiatric hospital. It opened its doors in 1848 and was located on West Washington Street in Indianapolis, Indiana. Throughout its tenure it was plagued by overcrowding, patient abuse, inadequate funding, and problematic therapies. Superintendent Dr. George F. Edenharter (1857-1923) added a much lauded pathology department in 1896. Dr. Edenharter designed the new pathology building with local architect Adolf Scherrer (1847-1925). In the early 1990s Central State Hospital made the news with reports of several patient deaths. Governor Bayh's administration chose to close the hospital in 1994.

Source:

Bodenhamer, David J. and Robert G. Barrows. Encyclopedia of Indianapolis. Bloomington, IN: IU Press, 1994.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains the floor plan designs for the basement, first floor, second floor, and details of the Pathological Departments' first and second floors, of the Central State Hospital Pathology building as designed by Dr. George F. Edenharter and Adolf Scherrer.

Item Listing:

1896	Basement plan
1896	First floor plan
1896	Second floor plan
1896	Pathological Department first floor plan and Pathological Department second floor plan

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